

DETAILED ACTION

A decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences was rendered on 1/28/11, in which the Board Affirms in Part, wherein claims 6-9 are affirmed, and claims 10-13 are reversed. Since claims 6-9 are affirmed, claims 6-9 are canceled. However, claim 10 is amended by Examiner's Amendment to be rewritten onto independent form to incorporate limitations of canceled claims 6-9. See MPEP 1214.06.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 6-9.

Claim 10, line 1, "The system according to claim 9 further" has been changed to -
- A peripheral viewing system for a vehicle wherein said vehicle includes two opposing sides, a steering wheel positioned within a passenger compartment and a rear, the viewing system comprising: a pair of cameras, one of said cameras mounted on one of said sides of the vehicle, another of said cameras mounted on another of said sides of the vehicle; a pair of video displays mounted within said passenger compartment, and positioned therein to be readily visible by a driver, each video display in selective communication with a designated one of said cameras; a microprocessor means in communication with each of said cameras and said displays for continuously processing

images received from each of said cameras and for continuously transmitting said images to each of said displays; a third camera mounted on the rear of said vehicle, said third camera connected to said microprocessor means; a third video display mounted within the vehicle passenger compartment, said third video display in selective communication with said third camera via said microprocessor means for continuously depicting images behind said vehicle; a warning means for alerting a driver of an approaching vehicle; wherein said warning means comprises: a phototransistor mounted on each side of said vehicle, adjacent the rear thereof, each of said phototransistors electrically connected to said microprocessor means; an audible alarm means electrically connected to said microprocessor means for audibly alerting a driver if said phototransistors detect a trailing vehicle within a predetermined range of said vehicle; --.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 10-13 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: See Decision by Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on 1/28/11.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Allen Wong whose telephone number is (571) 272-7341. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays to Thursdays from 8am-6pm Flextime.

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